Distribution System of Power

2860 SHRI A, VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a)whether government has taken am' steps to improve the functioning of the distribution system of power; and

(b)if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a^ and (b) The power Ministers' Conference held on 26-2-2000 resolved that Reforms must be undertaken with determination, vigour and a sense of urgency. The key elements of Reform strategy are :—

(i) Energy Audit at all levels.

(ii) Time bound programme of 100% metering of all consumers by December, 2001.

(iii) Reduction and finally, elimination of power theft within a specified time frame.

(iv) Strengthening/upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system by taking sub-station as an unit on a priority basis.

If above appears unattainable in the existing set up corporatization/ cooperatization/privatisation of distribution, would have to be undertaken.

The issue of Distribution reform was also discussed in the Chief Ministers' conferences that were held on 16-10-1996 and 18-12-1998,

Handover DVB to Tatas

2861. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a)whether Tatas have offered to take over Delhi Vidyut Board including generation and distribution of power;

(b)if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision in that matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?